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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : CIA Position in USIB Relative to Project TIROS

1. Attached are substantive recommendations with regard to the CIA position on Project TIROS. The USIB is scheduled to consider this problem at its meeting on Tuesday, 21 July 1959.

2. The major problem will be the number of people uncleared for CORONA who sit on the Board. I therefore recommend one of the following courses of action:

a. Remove this item from the regular agenda and discuss it separately with those USIB members who cleared for CORONA.

b. Arrange with Admiral Frost to delete the item from the agenda, and then hold a private meeting with the representatives of the agencies concerned (i. e., ARPA, NASA, Air Force, Navy, and CIA).

c. If the above two courses of action are too awkward, have the Director refer to the TIROS program as it might affect the DISCOVERER series. Although this might seem mysterious to some members of the Board, he could be taking an objective interest in the over-all missile program without pinpointing attention on CORONA.

3. I strongly recommend either course a or b, above, be followed.

NRO review(s) completed.

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